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NRC ANNOUNCES EXTENSION OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES' WHITE PAPERS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has extended the comment period on a series of "white papers" presented to the NRC by Louisiana Energy Services (LES), which address licensing issues for a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility proposed to be located in Hartsville, Tennessee. The comment period is extended to November 13 as a result of comments received at a recent public information forum sponsored by Trousdale County, Tennessee.

On October 2, NRC published an opportunity for public comment on six LES pre-application policy issues, or "white papers:" 1) analysis of need for the facility; 2) environmental justice - addressing disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of the proposed facility on minority populations and low-income populations in the area; 3) financial qualifications; 4) antitrust review; 5) foreign ownership; and 6) disposition of depleted uranium. A public meeting was held on April 30 - prior to LES' selection of the Hartsville site - to discuss these papers. Comments were submitted by the Department of Energy (DOE) and the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC).

The LES "white papers," the NRC meeting summary, as well as the DOE and USEC comments are available from the NRC Agency-wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). Help in using ADAMS is available by contacting the NRC Public Document Room staff by telephone at 301-415-4737 or 1-800-397-4209, or by e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov. Single copies of the documents are also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments by November 13, as announced in a Federal Register notice today. Comments should be submitted to Michael Lesar, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administration Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

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